(b) out of which what amount has been actually spent in repairing the road in 1103;

(c) if the whole amount has not been spent, what is the reason for it;

(d) whether the balance of the sanctioned amount will be utilised for the same purpose and if so, when;

(e) whether the repairing of the road is now over and if not, when will it be over?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 7,500.

(b) The expenditure on the work was Rs. 1,653-5-7 and this was for the collection of materials.

(c) Default on the part of the contractor for the work.

(d) The amount of the estimate is Rs. 6,300. The balance in the estimate is expected to be spent before the end of 1104.

(e) It is expected to be over by the end of 1104.

Lump allotment for irrigation.

221. **Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the lump allotment for irrigation in the current year's budget is already spent on any original work; if so,

(b) on which irrigation project;

(c) whether regard being had to the great water scarcity of Trichur they mean allowing any large amounts to remedy the grievances of the public of Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) A proposal for meeting the scarcity of water at Trichur has just been sanctioned by the Government. Vide copy of the D. P. appended (*Appendix I*).

Appointment of the Special Officer.

222. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the work done by the Special Officer Mr. P. Damodara Menon during the month of Chingam, and place on the Table a copy of his diary of work done;

(b) whether he sought permission of the Government to visit Madras, Bombay and some other places; and, if so, for what purpose and what was the nature of the reply given to him?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The work done by the Special Officer cannot be disclosed as it is of a confidential nature.

(b) There has been no visit to Bombay yet. It was with the permission of the Government that visits were made to such of

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